# Amateur Golf Championship Begins To-morrow at Merion With Big Field of Entrants and Evans the Favorite

# COMPOSE LIST CHAMPIONS

That Number Have Won Amateur Golf Crown in the Last 21 Years.

ALL ARE ALIVE AND A TRIBUTE TO THE GAME

The great struggle which begins tomorrow morning on the links of the
afferion Cricket Club, near Philadelphia,
is officially called the twenty-second
amateur golf championship of the
United States. For the last twenty-one
years without a break the big tourney
has been held by the United States Golf
Association, and has grown from a tiny
affair with a handful of entrants to so
big an event that this year for the first
time two courses have been requisitioned
for the qualifying round.

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In that time thirteen golfers have worn the crown, and every one of the thirteen is alive and playing golf to-day, which may or may not be a tribute to the royal and ancient game as a producer and preserver of that much prized possession, good health. Their photographs, taken in most instances in the days of their glory, are printed on this page. There are Walter Travis with his black beard. Findlay Douglas with the mustache that once was his pride, the mustache that once was his pride, the callow looking Louis James, Charles E. Mucdonald in his younger days, Charled Her Egan, one of the handsomest of the thirteen; Herbert M. Harriman, the first American born champion, and all the others, most of whom are still reckoned es championship possibilities and who have been in the limelight so recently that their faces are familiar to every follower of the game of golf.

### Five Have Won More Than Once.

Five of the thirteen stand out, the men who have won the title more than once. Jerome D. Travers, with his four once. Jerome D. Travers, with his four championships: Walter J. Travis, with three, and Herbert J. Whigham, H. Chandler Egan and Robert A. Gardner, each with two, constitute this little roll of honor in a group every member of which is a champion. They are the greatest of the great, although they will have to share some of the glory with Harold H. Hilton, the Englishman, who came over here and won in 1911, and

The first championship was held in the title he had once held, Travis October, 1895, at Newport, the late date smerged triumphant. Just as he does Cetober, 18st, at Newport, the late date being chosen to avoid a conflict with the international yacht races of that year. There were thirty-two starters, and when the final was reached the survivors were Charles E. Macdonald, who had been second in each of the unofficial championships the year before, and Charles E. Sands, better known as a court tennis player. Sands began with a poor drive and leep up the same sort of work until Macdonald won the match and title by 12 m and 11 to play. Purand title by 12 up and 11 to play. During the championally blished Peters of Newport tried to putt with a billiard out, and nearly was ruled off the links by the orthodox golfers.

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### THIRTEEN KINGS OF THE AMATEUR GOLFERS AS THEY LOOKED WHEN THEY WON THE NATIONAL CROWN.



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NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONS

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Dougias, just over from Scotland, where he had been captain of the St. Andrew's University team the year before. Whigham and Dougias met in the semi-final round, the champion winning by 6 up and 5 to play, and the following day beat W. R. Betts, a Yale man, in the final by 5 up and 6 to play.

It was the East's turn again in 1898 and the championship was held on the course of the Morris County Country Club, when that organization applied for the championship at the annual meet-for Walter J. Travis who won his third ing of the United States Golf Association championship on the Long Island links.

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CHARLES B MACDONALD

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## CHICK EVANS IS THE FAVORITE IN **GOLF TOURNEY**

Oswald Kirkby Next in Line and Then Come Bob Gardner and Guilford.

MANY HAVE A CHANCE: DRAW WILL HELP SOME

tional amateur golf championship was announced early in the week and the name of Jerome D. Travers was found to be missing Chick Evans was established as favorite by almost unanimous consent.
There was no reason why he should not have been the sole favorite from the start, but although no one admitted it, there was an underlying feeling without anything to emport it but the stories of the past that perhaps, despite his lack of practise, Travers might prove to be his old self at Merion. Now that it is known that Travers will not play it is hard to find any one else on the list who seems capable of steeping the open champion.

Next to Evans on the list must be placed Oswald Kirkby, metropolitan and New Jersey champion. It is an old story that Kirkby has been unable to accomplish anything of note in the national championship, but it is just as old a story that Chick Evans cannot win the smateur title, so if one tradition is to be dis-regarded in naming the favorite why should not another be cast aside in namshould not another be cast aside in naming the next man? Kirkby glayed golf good enough to win the national crown in both the metropolitan and New Jersey tourneys, and he looms up as the one man who has played golf this year sood enough to hold Evans, even if the open champion should happen to be at his best this week. Evans and Kirkby head the list of favorites, with Evans favored

Just who should be named next is a puzzling problem. Shall it be the de-fending champion. Robert A. Gardier, and his fellow in the craft of long dra-ing, Jesse Guilford, Massachusetts champion, or should some one of perhaps lesser power but more delicate skill be favored over both of them? Picking win-ners in a golf championship is one of the hardest jobs in the world, and is undertaken only by those who have nothing better to do, or who are requested to do so by some one bloker up, so Garmer and Guifford will be dismissed with most

honorable mention and best wishes With Evans, Kirkby, Gardner and Guilford all named as possible winners of the title now held by the third of the quartet, the extension of the list has how even more difficult. There are a number of golfers any one of whom has what may be termed an outside chance to we. but who are not worth risking any real money on. The luck of the draw may belp them through, they may subjectly come to life as Max Marston did against Jerry Travers last year at Detroit, or a thousand and one things may conspire to press down upon the brow of one of them

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the national crown.

Max Marston is one of these: John G
Anderson is another, and it is not hard
to ramble on for some time uttering spli
names as Sherrill Sherman, Regue
Lewis, Philip Carter, Fred Herren C
Gardiner White and Henry Topping for
this vicinity, Ned Sawyer, Albert School,
Paul Hunter and Dudley Mudge from the
West; William C. Fownes, Jr., Elsen M. West; William C. Fownes, Jr., Eben M. liyers and Davidson Herron from Pitts-burg; Nelson Whitney, Renben Bas. Perry Adair and Isob Jones from the South, and George S. Lyon, the grat-old man of Canada, from across the le-

### Bob Jones Might Win.

The one real sensation would be thave little Bob Jones of Atlatta (appropriate title). He is said to be unbelieved. young and unbelievably good, and the is a combination that usually results a grand blow up. Perhaps little had wi prove the exception to the rule, and of does come through the champtorship 1916 at Merion will live long in reco history. The women have learned in good things can come out of Alian since Miss Alexa Stirling first turned. and the golfers of the sterner sex t and the golfers of the sterner sex non-have the same lesson to learn flow the Bob Jones has decided to brave the perils of the Northland in these coal Ser-tember days. If a sensational compan-ship is desired, the man, or how, for to chief role is on hand in the person. \*\* Robert T. Jones, Jr., of the Atlanta Athletic Association.

It is entirely possible that the winner of the tourney has not

of the tourney has not been made the comprehensive list given above he hasn't it can be said that the vistor will be even more sensitional than the just referred to in the discussion to possible triumph of Bob Jones. For have been real dark horses before